

REMARKS

This Response responds to the Office Action dated April 18, 2006 in which the Examiner rejected claims 1, 8 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e).

Claims 1, 8 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by *Yao et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,751,069).

Attached to this Amendment is a verified translation of the priority document. Applicants respectfully point out that the U.S. filing date of *Yao et al.* is February 13, 2002 which is after the claimed foreign priority date under 35 U.S.C. §119 of February 27, 2001 of the present invention. A verified translation of the priority document is provided in order to perfect the claim to priority. Applicants respectfully submit that *Yao et al.* is not a proper reference. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner withdraws the rejection to claims 1, 8 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e).

The prior art of record, which is not relied upon, is acknowledged. The references taken singularly or in combination do not anticipate or make obvious the claimed invention.

Thus it now appears that the application is in condition for reconsideration and allowance. Reconsideration and allowance at an early date are respectfully requested.

If for any reason the Examiner feels that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed within the current set shortened statutory period, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such extension of time may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

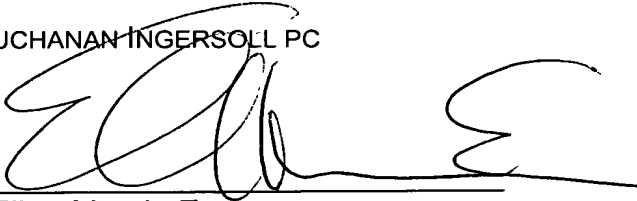
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Respectfully submitted,

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